GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ANTIGENS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted the production of Antigens in Public Sector Units in the State of Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase and improve the quality of Antigens in such Units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The manufacturing licenses of the three Public Sector vaccine Institutes namely, the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu and the BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Chennai, Tamil Nadu were suspended by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCG(I) in January, 2008 since they were not found in compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) as provided under Schedule M of Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945. This has not been revoked till date.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.